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A report containing information on the construction of vessels at the Northern Shipyard, the Gdansk Shipyard, and the Gdansk Ship Repair Yard, all in Gdansk (Danzig)

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Information Concerning Gdansk Shipyards

Gdansk has 2 shipyards: "The Northern Shipyard" (Stocznia Polnocna), and the "Gdansk Shipyard" (Stocznia Gdanska).

The Northern Shipyard is a small yard which is used for the construction of small vessels. Vessels of the following types are built there:

1. 550 - 650-ton fishing trawlers. The trawlers remain in Poland. Production: 10 per year.
2. Fast motor boats - patrol boats for Soviet naval warfare. These small vessels are built of wood. They are equipped with heavy machine guns. Each patrol boat has one double-barreled machine gun. Production: 5 patrol boats per year.

The Gdansk Shipyard - a large production enterprise with a labor force of 12,000. Two shifts. The shipyard comprises several departments. On the other hand, he gives some production figures for some of the departments.

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"Department B" This department builds 5,000-ton cargo vessels. The department has 5 launching slips. One vessel is completed every 4 - 5 months. The ship is launched with part of its machinery installed, such as the propeller shaft and the propeller.

Only 2 vessels built at this shipyard remain in Poland; all the rest have gone to the USSR. The steam engines are supplied by the Polish "Zgoda" Foundry (Silesia). Turbo-motors and propeller shafts are supplied by the "Zakłady Mechaniczne - Zamech (the Zamech Machine Factory) at Elblag.

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"Department A" builds 10,000-ton vessels. This department has 2 launching slips and a dock. Production: one vessel every 9 - 10 months. The ships are equipped with diesel engines [] So far, 4 ships have been completed: the "General Sikorski", the "Monte Cassino", the "Boleslaw Bierut", and a fourth, which carries the name of the Pomeranian poet. These 4 vessels are still in Poland. The intention is to build only 4 ships of this type; in the future, construction of ships of this type will be undertaken in the Soviet Union. In addition, Department A builds 750-ton fishing vessels for the USSR, rivet construction. Production: one vessel every 5 months.

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"Department W.5" builds fishing trawlers for the USSR. Welded construction. These are 750-ton trawlers. To speed up construction, a dry dock is used.

"Department W.6" transfers the vessels to the Soviet Commission. The Polish base which transfers the vessels to the Soviet Commission is located on the island of Holm, in the center of Gdansk; the Soviet Commission also has a base on this island. The Soviet base is manned by engineers, technicians, and qualified workers. The Soviet crew sent from the USSR to take possession of the new vessel are also quartered there.

In Department W 6, the decision is made whether or not the vessel is to be outfitted with radar.

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[redacted] in the event radar is to be installed, the electrical installations are performed by the Poles, and the radar installations are made by the Soviets.

[redacted] the radar installed on the vessels is the "Neptun" type of Soviet radar.

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"Gdynska Stocznia Remontowa" (Gdynia Ship Repair Yards) at Gdynia repairs ships and builds 600-ton merchant vessels of the "Wejcherowo" type.

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[redacted] this shipyard delivered 550-ton "tralowce" [redacted] (small naval vessels [redacted]). "Tralowce" are equipped with: [redacted] small-calibered, double-barreled artillery; 2 pieces in the bow, and 2 pieces in the stern. In addition, these vessels are equipped with installations for mine sweeping.

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